

REMARKS

Claims 1-15 are now pending in the application. Claims 1, 4, 6-10, and 12-15 are now amended. The claim amendments are fully supported by the application as filed and do not introduce new subject matter. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejections in view of the amendments and remarks contained herein.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1-3, 6-9, and 11-15 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ogawa et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 4,632,514) in view of Ogura et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 6,271,902). Claims 4-5 and 10 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ogawa et al. and Ogura et al. and further in view of Matsushita et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 6,501,521). These rejections are respectfully traversed.

Independent Claims 1, 7, and 13 are now amended to recite, in part and with reference to Figures 2 and 3 for exemplary purposes only as the invention includes numerous embodiments, a first colored layer 214C and a second colored layer 214F. The first colored layer has the same hue as the second colored layer and one of the colored layers is darker than the other. Support for these features can be found throughout the specification as filed, such as at paragraph [0051].

The Ogawa et al. reference appears to disclose, with reference to Figure 15, a color liquid crystal display that generally includes a liquid crystal layer 1 and a color filter layer 4 covered by a transparent conductive film 5 and an alignment film 6. The color filter layer has a different thickness for each part R, G, and B. The thickness of each

part R, G, and B corresponds to each thickness d_R , d_G , and d_B of the LC layer 1. The Ogawa et al. reference fails to disclose or suggest providing two of the colored parts R, G, B with the same hue, but with different degrees of darkness, as set forth in amended Claims 1, 7, and 13.

The Ogura et al. reference appears to disclose, with reference to Figure 4, a color filter substrate having R, G, and B, coloring layers 4. The coloring layers 4 overlap to form a protrusion. The Ogura et al. reference fails to disclose or suggest providing two of the coloring layers R, G, and B with the same hue, but with different degrees of darkness, as set forth in amended Claims 1, 7, and 13. In fact, the Ogura et al. reference stresses the advantages of providing each coloring layer with the same characteristics, unlike amended Claims 1, 7, and 13, which recite coloring layers having different degrees of darkness. Therefore, the Ogura et al. reference teaches away from the features of amended Claims 1, 7, and 13.


The Ogawa et al. and the Ogura et al. references each fail to disclose or suggest each and every feature of amended Claims 1, 7, and 13. Therefore, the combination of these references fails to render obvious each and every feature of Claims 1, 7, and 13. Specifically, combination of the Ogawa et al. and the Ogura et al. references fails to render obvious a first colored layer having the same hue as a second colored layer with one of the colored layers being darker than the other, as set forth in amended Claims 1, 7, and 13. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of this Section 103 rejection of Claims 1, 7, and 13 and those claims dependent therefrom.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

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